EMPLOYEE TRAINING RECORD

TRAINING TITLE Flammable Liquids

KEY TEACHING POINTS

- We use many kinds of flammable liquids every day on the job: gasoline, cleaning fluids, paints, and thinners, to name a few. The danger of these materials can be controlled.
- Flammable liquids themselves will not burn, as many people think. As the liquid evaporates it gives off vapors that mix with the air to form dangerous gases that can be set off by the smallest spark. Gasoline, for example, evaporates at temperatures as low as 45 degrees Fahrenheit below zero. As the temperature rises, the rate of evaporation increases and more and more vapors are given off. This also is true for other flammable liquids, except that the temperature at which they give off vapors varies with the kind of liquid.
- If we remember a few simple common sense rules when storing, handling, and using flammable liquids, we can help prevent the job, or any of us, from going up in flames.
- Keep flammable liquids away from open flame and sparks. This means that you should never smoke around them.
- Always use approved metal safety cans or the original manufacturer's container to store flammable liquids. Keep these containers closed when not in use, and never store them near exits or passageways.
- Practice good housekeeping in flammable liquid storage areas. Clean up spills immediately and then place the rags you used to do the job in a closed, bottom ventilated metal container.
- Be careful not to get a flammable liquid on you. It not only could burn you if it catches fire, but it
 could cause painful skin irritation that could easily become infected. If you get it on you, wash it
 off as soon as you can.
- Never try to boost a fire with a flammable liquid. You are in for trouble if the fire flares up.
- Don't trust your nose to tell you whether an area or container is vapor free. Not all dangerous liquids give off vapors that you can smell. Some vapors are poisonous as well as flammable. Use flammable liquids only where there is plenty of ventilation.
- Vapors given off by flammable liquids are usually heavier than air and collect in the lowest area
 they can reach. Without good ventilation to dissipate them, you have a potential disaster
 awaiting that one small spark to set it off.
- Carefully read the manufacturer's label on the container of any flammable liquid before using it.
- Whether at home or on the job, treat flammable liquids with respect and use them for the purposes for which they were made.

TEST ANSWERS QUESTION TRUE **FALSE** 1 Keep flammable liquids away from open flame and sparks. 2 Always use approved metal safety cans or the original manufacturer's container to store flammable liquids. 3 Practice good housekeeping in flammable liquid storage areas. 4 Don't trust your nose to tell you whether an area or container is vapor free. 5 Vapors given off by flammable liquids are usually heavier than air and collect in the lowest area they can reach. EMPLOYEE'S NAME EMPLOYEE'S SIGNATURE DATE INSTRUCTOR'S NAME INSTRUCTOR'S SIGNATURE DATE